

Amendments to the Claims

1. (currently amended): A method of reducing drag of a fluid, comprising:
 - 2 providing a fluid selected from the group consisting of hydrocarbons, mixtures of hydrocarbons and water, and mixtures of hydrocarbons, water and gas; and
 - 5 adding to the fluid an amount from about 100 to about 1000 ppm of an additive based on the total amount of fluid effective to reduce the drag of the fluid, where the additive is selected from the group consisting of fatty acids, alkoxylated derivatives of fatty acids, organic and inorganic halide salts of fatty acids and alkoxylated derivatives thereof, and esters of fatty acids and alkoxylated derivatives thereof, and mixtures thereof, in the absence of a polymeric drag reducing additive.
2. (original): The method of claim 1 where the additive averages from about 4 to about 60 carbon atoms.
3. (original): The method of claim 1 where the additive is selected from the group consisting of tall oil derived dimer acid, tall oil derived trimer acid, and mixtures thereof.
4. (original): The method of claim 1 where the amount of additive based on the total amount of fluid ranges from about 100 150 to 1000 ppm.
5. (original): The method of claim 1 further comprising adding more than one additive.

1 6. (currently amended): A method of reducing drag of a fluid, comprising:
2 providing a fluid selected from the group consisting of hydrocarbons,
3 mixtures of hydrocarbons and water, and mixtures of hydrocarbons,
4 water and gas; and
5 adding to the fluid from about 100 150 to 1000 600 ppm of an additive based
6 on the total amount of fluid, where the additive is selected from the
7 group consisting of fatty acids, alkoxylated derivatives of fatty acids,
8 organic-and-inorganic halide salts of fatty acids and alkoxylated
9 derivatives thereof, and esters of fatty acids and alkoxylated
10 derivatives thereof and mixtures thereof, and where the additive
11 averages from about 4 to about 60 carbon atoms , in the absence of a
12 polymeric drag reducing additive.

7. (original): The method of claim 6 where the additive is selected from the group consisting of tall oil derived dimer acid, tall oil derived trimer acid, and mixtures thereof.

8. (original): The method of claim 6 further comprising adding more than one additive.

1 9. (currently amended): A reduced drag fluid, comprising:
2 a fluid selected from the group consisting of hydrocarbons, mixtures of
3 hydrocarbons and water, and mixtures of hydrocarbons, water and
4 gas; and
5 an amount from about 100 to about 1000 ppm of an additive effective to
6 reduce the drag based on the total amount of the fluid, where the
7 additive is selected from the group consisting of fatty acids,
8 alkoxylated derivatives of fatty acids, organic-and-inorganic halide
9 salts of fatty acids and alkoxylated derivatives thereof, and esters of
10 fatty acids and alkoxylated derivatives thereof, and mixtures thereof ,
11 in the absence of a polymeric drag reducing additive.

10. (original): The reduced drag fluid of claim 9 where the additive averages from about 4 to about 60 carbon atoms.

11. (original): The reduced drag fluid of claim 9 where the additive is selected from the group consisting of tall oil derived dimer acid, tall oil derived trimer acid, and mixtures thereof.

12. (original): The reduced drag fluid of claim 9 where the amount of additive based on the total amount of fluid ranges from about 400 150 to 1000 ppm.

13. (original): The reduced drag fluid of claim 9 further comprising more than one additive.

1 14. (currently amended): A reduced drag fluid, comprising:
2 a fluid selected from the group consisting of hydrocarbons, mixtures of
3 hydrocarbons and water, and mixtures of hydrocarbons, water and
4 gas; and
5 from about 400 150 to 1000 600 ppm of an additive based on the total
6 amount of fluid, where the additive is selected from the group
7 consisting of fatty acids, alkoxylated derivatives of fatty acids, organic
8 and inorganic halide salts of fatty acids and alkoxylated derivatives
9 thereof, and esters of fatty acids and alkoxylated derivatives thereof
10 and mixtures thereof, and where the additive averages from about 4
11 to about 60 carbon atoms, in the absence of a polymeric drag
12 reducing additive.

15. (original): The reduced drag fluid of claim 14 where the additive is selected from the group consisting of tall oil derived dimer acid, tall oil derived trimer acid, and mixtures thereof.

16. (original): The reduced drag fluid of claim 14 further comprising more than one additive.